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Messina, Jan. 15.

THere has not of late passed any action in these parts. Monsieur *du Quesne* who sailed from hence some time since, with eight Men of War to Cruise, is still abroad; his ships we hear have been very ill treated by bad weather, in which his Hospital Ship foundred, and of 100 men, only 7 were saved, and three of his Frigats separated from him, which are still wanting.

Vienna, Febr 15. The 10 instant came hither the Bishop of *Gurcke*, the first of the Emperors Ambassadors for the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, in order to the receiving his instructions and final dispatches, and the beginning his journey towards *Nimeguen*. The Marquis *de los Balbates* the Spanish Ambassador means likewise to part from hence before the end of this month. The Emperor has appointed a meeting here of several persons of the greatest quality in *Hungary*, who are to consult together, and to represent to the Emperor the means which they think most proper for the reducing those of the Malecontents of *Hungary* which are not yet come in, to submit themselves, and to lay hold of the Emperors Grace, which is now tendred to them. The Count *Montecuculi*'s Equipage is preparing here; for it is certain his Excellency will command the Emperors Army this next Campagne, and that the Duke of *Lorrain* will act with a separate Body, composed chiefly of the Troops of the Circles; orders have been sent to the Governor of *Raab* to cause the Turkish Chiaus who is there, to take his journey hither; but as yet we hear nothing of the solemn Embassie which it was formerly said the Grand Signior was resolved to send to this Court, to confirm the Treaties depending between the two Empires.

Berlin, Febr. 17. A party of Soldiers having lately surprized several Burghers of *Stetin*, who happened to be abroad, and brought them prisoners hither, his Electoral Highness before his departure from hence towards *Wesel*, gave them their liberty, and leave to return home, his Highness declaring that he did not make War against the Inhabitants of any place in *Pomeren*, but only against the Suedes. A great many persons are daily at work in our Arsenal to prepare Fire-works, which are to be made use of for the attacking of places. A Placaet or Edict hath been within these few days published for the levying a Tax per Head; which will raise a very considerable Sum of Money, to be employed for carrying on the War. From *Strelsond* we understand, that they expect a great supply of Men and Mony from *Sueden*, so soon as the season is proper for their Fleet to put to Sea, which is fitting with great application at *Stockholme*.

Dantzick, Febr. 19. We are preparing here for the reception of their Majesties of *Poland*, who have signified to our Magistrates their intention of taking a journey hither presently after the conclusion of the Dyet, which is now assembled at *Warsaw*. According to our last advices from thence we have reason to promise our selves great good from the said Dyet, and that several resolutions will be taken for the confirming the Peace with the Turks, the raising of Moneys for the discharging the arrears of the Army, *&c.* The Elector of *Brandenburg* has sent a command that in *Prussia* all men from 15 to 50 years shall take Arms to be ready to act for the defence of the Countrey in case there shall be occasion. We have Letters from *Mosco* which inform us of the great disorder that Court was in, occasioned by the discovery of a treasonable practice against the Czar, for which several persons of quality had been imprisoned, and a strict examination had been taken of others.

Hamburg. Febr. 27. The last Letters we received from *Denmark*, gave us an account, that the preparations for the approaching Campagne were carried on with good success, and that with the Succors the King expects from the Dukes of *Lunenburg* and Bishop of *Munster* his Majesty would have a very powerful Army, which would be transported into *Schonen*. The Duke of *Zell* raises several new Regiments. The Ministers of the *Allies*, who are concerned in the Conquests that have been made upon the Suedes in the Dutchies of *Bremen* and *Ferden*, will have another meeting at *Bremen*, to agree the partition of the same; to which it is reported that the King of *Denmark* has quitted his pretensions, in consideration of the Succors the Duke of *Lunenburg* and the Bishop of *Munster* are to give him.

Strasburg, Febr. 22. Yesterday the Electoral Prince of *Saxony*, who hath passed some time in this City, parted from hence on his way to *Eslingen*, where the Duke of *Lorrain* and the other Imperial Generals have their Head-quarter. The Sieur *de Fay* has taken possession of the Government of *Brisac*, which place the French continue to fortifie, as likewise *Schlestadt*. We have advice from *Suisserland*, that the several Cantons have appointed a general assembly to be held at *Baden*.

Brisac, Febr. 26. The orders are come from the Court of *France*, for the demolishing the Fortress of *Saverne*; as for the Town it's believed the King will grant it a Neutrality. *Montbelliard* will likewise be razed; but the Castle will be fortified, and the Sieur *de Beaulieu* is to command there. The necessary orders have been likewise given for the fortifying the Castle of *Blamont*, of which the Sieur *de la Paterie* is Governor. The Marquis *de Baden Dourlach* General of the Forces of the Circles is lately dead; we do not yet hear that any person is made choice of to succeed in that command, which will not be very necessary for the future, if what is reported be true, *viz.* That most of the Imperial Towns have disbanded the Troops they had, not being able longer to maintain them; and at the same time to provide the Emperors Troops with Winter-quarters. The French continue to make great spoils in *Alsace*, and on the *Moselle*; and we are told they have already destroyed above 500 Villages, Castles and Bourgs.

Cologne;